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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : Distribution of NSCIDs Outside the United States

1. The approved NSCIDs Nos. 1 through 5 are now ready for printing and implementation within all departments and agencies concerned.

2. It is suggested that you inform the members of the IAC that you plan to disseminate these NSCIDs to your Chiefs of Station overseas for implementation. As the other IAC members may also wish to disseminate these NSCIDs through their command channels to key elements overseas, they should notify the Secretary of the numbers of copies they will need so that a sufficient quantity can be printed to satisfy all requirements, in addition to the normal distribution in Washington.



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B. This NSCID (1) deals with certain major responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence, and (2) establishes an Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) to advise and assist him in these responsibilities.

1. In general, the DCI's community responsibilities -- as set forth in the National Security Act of 1947 and further expanded in NSCID 1 -- include:

- a. Coordinating the foreign effort of the U. S.;
- b. Advising and making recommendations to the National Security Council;
- c. Producing, i.e., "correlating and evaluating" intelligence "relating to the national security" (particularly National Intelligence Estimates and other "national intelligence");
- d. Taking appropriate measures for the protection of intelligence sources and methods; and
- e. Surveying departmental intelligence and intelligence activities.

2. The Intelligence Advisory Committee meets under the chairmanship of the DCI and includes the Director of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State, the intelligence chiefs of the departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and of the Joint Staff (JCS), and representatives of the Atomic Energy Commission and of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The functions of the IAC include:

- a. Consulting with the DCI on policy recommendations for the IAC. The DCI must indicate any dissenting views of IAC members in making his recommendations to the National

b. To support and assist the DCI in his responsibility for the production of national intelligence. National intelligence must have the concurrence of all members of the IAC or carry statements of any "substantially" differing opinion.

c. To support, assist or advise the DCI in a large number of other specific functions, such as, the development of Priority National Intelligence Objectives, the review of the extent and quality of finished and raw intelligence, the release of national and interdepartmental intelligence (produced within the IAC subcommittee structure) to foreign governments, and the development of compatible referencing systems within the departments and agencies engaged in intelligence activities.